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A SMALL LIBRARY.

It is a difficult undertaking to make a short list of the best books upon any subject, because some books are fully developed in one aspect, while others are of greater value in another. For this reason no two individuals would give the same list, and this which follows cannot be said to be the best in every particular, but has been found most useful in certain lines by the writer.

Teachers of geography in the elementary schools who have access to good libraries may find a wealth of geographical material, but those less fortunately circumstanced should possess at least three good books on the subject, besides the text used by their pupils—a physical geography, a physical atlas, and a general descriptive geography seem indispensable. We are now richer in physical geographies than in any other aspect of the subject, and many good physical geographies can be named. Davis's *Physical Geography* (published by Ginn & Co.; price, \$1.40) or Mill's *Realm of Nature* (Charles Scribner's Sons; \$1.50) will be found valuable. In choosing an English physical atlas one is limited in range. Longmans' *New School Atlas* (Longmans, Green & Co.; \$1.50) is the best for the price. For a general descriptive geography Mill's *The International Geography* (Appleton & Co.; \$3.50) is excellent. This book has no equal of its kind in English. It is made up of contributions from seventy specialists, usually residing in the country that they describe; it is invaluable to any teacher of geography.

If one is able to extend one's geographic library, Stanford's *Compendiums* (published by Stanford, London) are excellent general geographies. This series is composed of two volumes on each of the continents except South America and Australia, which have one each (\$3.50 per volume). The volume on the United States by Henry Gannett is very valuable. Herbertson's *Man and His Work* (London: A. & C. Black; \$1) and Miss Semple's *American History and its Geographical Conditions* (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.; \$3) deal with the human aspect of geography. Chisholm's *Commercial Geography* (Longmans, Green & Co.) has just been revised, and is a most comprehensive and valuable work.

Those desiring a more exhaustive bibliography, will find valuable lists in Mill's *Hints to Teacher and Students on Choice of Geographic Books* (London; \$1.20); *Outlines of Geography*, with complete list of references, in *Teachers College Record*, Vol. XI, No. 2 (March, 1901), published by Columbia University Press (Macmillan & Co., agents).

CHILDREN'S TEXTBOOKS.

Maps: The topographic maps published by the United States Geological Survey (Washington, D. C.; 2 cents a piece per hundred) are of great value to the teachers and can be used by children in the upper grades.

Freye's *Complete Geography* (Ginn & Co.; \$1.25). This book, at the time of its publication, was an entire departure from the books then in use. Later text-books have largely followed the plan adopted in Freye's *Geography*. It is still extremely valuable, perhaps more so to the teachers than to the children. Among its attractive features are the pictures, maps, and graphic representation.

Tarr and McMurray's *Geographies* (Macmillan & Co.; 60 cents per copy). These geographies are the most exhaustive text-books on the subject published in this country. They will be found very valuable, in particular in the schools where few books are accessible.

Supplementary readers: Carpenter's *Geographic Readers, On the Continents* (American Book Co.). These readers are an outcome of extensive travel on the part of the author that results in a certain vividness which appeals to the children. The industrial and historical aspects of the subject are given fullest treatment.

The Folios of Geologic Atlas of United States (25 cents) are very helpful to the teacher. Relief model of the continents of North America, South America, Eurasia, Africa, Australia, by Howells (Washington, D. C.), are the best that can be had. The set costs \$150 — North America, \$40; Eurasia, \$50; South America, \$25; Australia, \$15; Africa, \$25. The price is prohibitive for most schools. It is to be regretted they cannot be placed in every school.

Physical wall maps: Sydou, Habernicht physical maps (\$10.50 per continent), or Rand, McNally & Co.'s physical maps (\$3) for each continent.

Magazines: *Journal of Geography* (160 Adams street, Chicago); *National Geographic Magazine* (Washington, D. C.).

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